



Week 12 Discussion Questions

Text: John 8:1-30

Icebreaker: It's November, can you believe it? Share something you are thankful for this week.

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. In John 7, when Jesus teaches in the temple at the Feast of Booths, he urges, "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement." In what way does Jesus demonstrate what he means by "right judgement" in the story of the woman caught in adultery in John 8?

Jesus' response acknowledges the severity of Sin and that it affects us all while simultaneously demonstrating His love and grace. Jesus also calls the woman into something greater, a life without sin. Jesus' *illuminates* the situation and reveals the Truth about the Jews and about the woman.

3. When you read the story of the woman caught in adultery, do you relate more with the Pharisees or the woman? How does Jesus' response to the situation speak to you in your own life?

This is a great opportunity for everyone to reflect on their own life and heart toward Jesus. Are you in need of Jesus' grace over your sin, His rebuke for judging others, or both? What truth does Jesus have for you?

4. Light is used in everyday language in a lot of symbolic ways — we talk about someone "lightening our load," "bringing something to light," or "being a light in the darkness." List together as many uses of light as a symbol or metaphor that you can.

Light vs. Darkness

Illuminate—bring knowledge

"It just dawned on me..."

To be Clever—is to be "bright"

"I have an idea"—Lightbulb!

"I see the light"

"Enlighten me..."
Others?

5. When you think about all the different uses and meanings of *light*, what stands out to you?
6. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." Read Isaiah 2:5; 42:6-7; 60:1-5; 19-21 and 1 John 1:5-10. Discuss how these verses illuminate your understanding of Jesus claim in John 8.
Isaiah, the prophet, describes the servant who will come and calls the servant a light and describes Israel as being called to be a light to the nations. Jesus making this claim is Him once again referring to the prophetic tradition that would be well known among the Jews and claiming to be the one they have been waiting for. It all points to Jesus. This light is meant to bring life from death, heal the broken, and bring right judgement.
7. The verses in question 5 commonly link *light* to *truth* and *righteousness*. Discuss this relation and how it informs what Jesus is teaching in John 8.
So many of the symbols and metaphors for light revolve around wisdom and knowledge. Truth and righteousness are found in God's Word, and John 1:1 tells us that Jesus *is* God's Word. Jesus claiming to be the "light of the world" is a reference to His being the Word, one with God, and the source of all Truth.
8. In what ways have you experienced the light of Christ in your life this week.